

# The Treasury

## Budget 2018 Information Release

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## Minute of Decision

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### 2018 Budget Package: Vote Courts

On 9 April 2018, Cabinet:

- 1 **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2018 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

#### Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

##### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
10145	Court and Coronial Services – Additional Investment	15.000	22.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
10620	Ministry of Justice – Additional Investment	-	5.124	12.067	16.423	18.442
10643	Youth Justice – Including 17 Year Olds in the Youth Justice System and Managing Remand Pressures	-	0.124	4.500	4.400	4.400
10297	Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal	-	2.880	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>15.000</b>	<b>30.128</b>	<b>38.567</b>	<b>42.823</b>	<b>44.842</b>

- 2 **approved** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approved** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **agreed** that the proposed change to appropriations for 2017/18 above be included in the 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;

- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2017/18 Supplementary Estimates, the 2018/19 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 6 **noted** that all communications relating to the 2018 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

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**Hard-copy distribution:**

Prime Minister  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Finance  
Minister for Courts

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Court and Coronial Services – Additional Investment

**Description:** This funding will support the court system to meet increasing demand for its services. This investment will also support the long-term sustainability of coronial services.

**Appropriation changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	15.000	22.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>					
Court and Coroner Related Costs	15.000	22.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>15.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>	<b>22.000</b>

## Initiative No: 10620

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Ministry of Justice – Additional Investment

**Description:** This funding will help support the Ministry of Justice meet increased remuneration, asset maintenance and ongoing information and communication technology costs.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	5.124	12.067	16.423	18.442
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>5.124</b>	<b>12.067</b>	<b>16.423</b>	<b>18.441</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.622	1.465	1.994	2.239
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	2.806	6.609	8.994	10.101
Senior Courts Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.784	1.845	2.512	2.820
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.912	2.148	2.923	3.282
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>5.124</b>	<b>12.067</b>	<b>16.423</b>	<b>18.442</b>

## Initiative No: 10643

- Vote:** Courts
- Title:** Youth Justice – Including 17 Year Olds in the Youth Justice System and Managing Remand Pressures
- Description:** This funding will purchase additional youth advocate services, specialist reports (medical, psychiatric and psychological) and lay advocate services. It will also fund the additional two judges required to hear the increased number of youth appearing and a small team to develop operational policy, claims management system changes, communications and training materials.

## Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.124	4.500	4.400	4.400
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.124</b>	<b>4.500</b>	<b>4.400</b>	<b>4.400</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>					
Court and Coroner Related Costs	-	-	4.392	4.366	4.337
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
District Court Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	0.124	0.108	0.034	0.063
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.124</b>	<b>4.500</b>	<b>4.400</b>	<b>4.400</b>

## Additional recommendation

- 7 **noted** that a related initiative has been submitted in Vote Oranga Tamariki, administered by Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children (Initiative 10179);x

## Initiative No: 10297

**Vote:** Courts

**Title:** Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal

**Description:** This funding will enable the establishment and operation of a tribunal to resolve unsettled residential insurance disputes arising from the Canterbury earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. It will provide an active, individually case managed resolution process for claimants and their insurers. It will also provide access to funded mediation to support the dispute resolution process.

### Appropriation changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	2.880	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2.880</b>	-	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 & Outyears
<b>Non-Departmental Other Expense:</b>					
Tribunal Related Fees and Expense	-	1.050	-	-	-
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expense:</i>					
Specialist Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services (funded by revenue Crown)	-	1.830	-	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Courts, Tribunals and Other Authorities Services, including the Collection and Enforcement of Fines and Civil Debts Services (MCA)	-	1.830	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>2.880</b>	-	-	-

### Additional recommendation

8 **noted** that related new funding has also been provided through each of Vote Business, Science and Innovation (Initiative 10658) and Vote Building and Housing (Initiative 10657).